



May 26, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

For much of my career, I have been closely associated with the IT industry. My company, INRS Technology Partners, is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; we are a small business providing IT consulting. I am writing you in support of the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65). From my experience, I believe the merger of these two companies will help drive innovation and improve the quality of wireless communications.

Outside of the large population centers of New Orleans and Baton Rouge, small businesses do not have the ability to fully utilize high speed wireless broadband. I service some of these companies, and as a result, they cannot compete with businesses in better networked areas. This is the result of a lack of investment in rural areas. But, if AT&T is allowed to join together with T-Mobile, the company will make the necessary capital investments to extend the 4g long term evolution network and create access for millions of people. That will provide an economic boost to small businesses and lead to hiring and economic expansion.

Despite its current position as a larger competitor in the wireless communications industry, T-Mobile has no plans to create a true 4g network. That creates a disadvantage for its 34 million customers. If T-Mobile merges with AT&T, those customers would benefit from AT&T technology and all AT&T customers would benefit from the expanded spectrum and cell tower infrastructure the combined companies can bring to bear on the nation. The winners are not just small businesses but all citizens who rely on these companies for their wireless communications.

I hope the Commission will approve this transaction and create a better wireless industry that benefits all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jamie Courtney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jamie" and last name "Courtney" clearly distinguishable.

Jamie Courtney

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Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker